



National Birth Justice Fellowship

an initiative of Vital Village Networks at Boston Medical Center

Frequently Asked Questions

Application & Nomination Questions

Can candidates outside of the U.S. apply?

No. Only applicants within the United States will be considered for the 2025 cohort of the National Birth Justice Fellowship.

Are there specific states the selection committee would like to see applicants engaging from?

There are no specific states the selection committee is preferencing for applicants. This is a national fellowship, and we are accepting applicants from within the United States.

How do I complete the organizational information section (Section II) if I am self-employed / independent contractor?

If you are self-employed or an independent contractor in the birth justice space, you can share your personal business information (if applicable) or you can enter "N/A" in the "Name of Organization, Coalition, Initiative, or Community Group." Please include the city, state, and zip code where you do birth justice work, and complete the other required fields in the section to the best of your ability.

Do nominations have a deadline?

There is no deadline for nominations, but applicants must submit their completed applications by Friday, November 22 at 11:59 PM ET.

Is there a time limit for the video / audio application submission?

Yes. The total recording time cannot exceed 12 minutes for all questions in "Section IV. Fellowship Questions."



Selection Process Questions

Will feedback be provided to candidates not selected?

While we are grateful and honored by each applicant's effort and time given to apply, we are unable to provide specific feedback to candidates not selected for the 2025 fellowship at this time. We encourage you to review the "Selection Criteria" on page 8 of the [Request for Applications](#) to understand what the selection committee will be looking for in applications.

Fellowship Program Questions

Where will the in-person events take place?

The two-day fellowship launch will take place over the dates of February 11 - 13, 2025 with a location confirmation being shared with selected fellows in December 2024. The three-day fellowship retreat and National Community Leadership Summit will take place in-person in Boston, MA in October 2025.

What happens if I don't complete my individual birth justice project by the end of the fellowship?

There is no expectation that the individual project must be "completed" by the end of the fellowship period, instead fellows are expected to make advancements that are supported by the fellowship program. Fellows will engage in quarterly individual milestone sessions that will provide opportunities for individualized support on achieving key advancements in the project.